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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6722
BILL NUMBER: SB 251

DATE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2000
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Restorative Juvenile Justice.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

(A) It provides that a school corporation may allow a public school teacher to participate, without loss of pay or benefits, in a family group conference conducted through a restorative justice program under certain circumstances.

(B) It specifies that a juvenile court may require, as part of: (1) a program of informal adjustment; or (2) a disposition decree; that a delinquent child who has committed an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult participate in a restorative justice program.

(C) It makes related changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Provision A: The average cost per day for a substitute teacher is \$75. This is the cost that a school corporation would likely incur to allow a regular teacher to participate in a restorative justice program.

Provision B: Counties may be need to add staff or coordinate the schedules of teachers, law enforcement officers and other local personnel to develop restorative justice programs

Explanation of Local Revenues: Provision B: Some of the costs of the program may be recovered through fees that counties are authorized to collect from the juveniles who participate in the program. Under current law, a fee of between \$5 and \$15 may be ordered by the court to be paid for each month that the child participates in the program.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Restorative justice programs currently operate in Marion, Madison, Porter, Elkhart, Orange, Washington, Crawford, and Harrison Counties.

Information Sources: Al Wengerd, Center for Community Justice, Elkhart; IC 34-37-9.